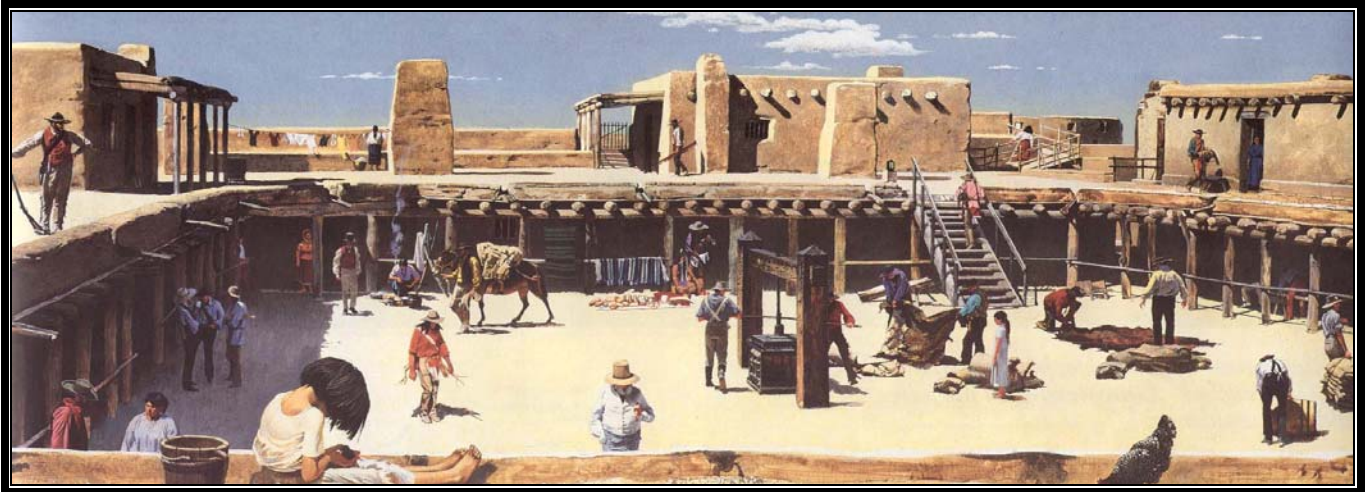




Living History Encampment

*June 5-8,
2008*



Bent's Old Fort National Historic Site will host an instructional "Living History Encampment" June 5 - 8, 2008. This popular living history event will provide participants the unique opportunity to learn about 1840s life by living it! You will be immersed in the role of trader, trapper-hunter, laborer, blacksmith, carpenter, Army Topographical Engineer, Plains Indian or domestic cook. You will gain a much deeper understanding of the realities of fur trade era life in the American West.



Participants will be provided study materials and lectures on history, living history, and interpretive skills. Living historians will teach and direct participants in use of 19th century work techniques and social skills. Lectures will take place through the first day with an overnight on the Santa Fe Trail that evening. On Friday, those who are to work for Bent, St. Vrain and Company will travel to the fort and sign on with the company. From that moment on, you are living a 19th century life 24 hours a day. The Army and trappers will spend most of their time working out of their camps along the Arkansas River.

There will be a participant fee of \$200 for this 4-day, 3-night event. The fee includes all instruction, food, accommodations, and necessary equipment. Two hours graduate level credit will be available and college tuition fees apply. There are a limited number of spaces in each role. The park staff will make selections based on the information you provide in your application. Applications must be mailed to: Greg Holt, Bent's Old Fort NHS, 35110 Highway 194 East, La Junta, Colorado 81050. Contact Greg at (719) 383- 5023 for more information.

Bent's Old Fort NHS
2008 Living History Encampment Application
Thursday, June 5 – Sunday, June 8, 2008

Please type or print clearly.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Role Desired: (Mark 1,2,3 as first, second and third choice) _____Trader _____Carpenter
_____Blacksmith _____Mexican Laborer _____Domestic (cook) _____Trapper/Hunter
_____Topographical Engineer _____Plains Indian

Application for college credit desired? Yes _____ No _____

What is your previous experience with living history? _____

Why are you interested in this education experience? _____

What are some ways you plan to apply the knowledge, skills and abilities you gain from this experience? _____

Do you have an interest in volunteering at Bent's Fort? If so, when would you be available? ____

THE FINE PRINT: We reserve the right to cancel this workshop if minimum registration is not reached at least 14 days before the start of the workshop. In this case, we will refund your entire fee. If not selected, you will receive a refund. Registrants who cancel on or before 21 days before the first day of the workshop will be refunded their registration fee minus a \$50 processing fee. No refunds will be issued for registrants who cancel within 21 days of the first day of the workshop, though you may send another person in your place.

Make the fee payment of \$200 payable to the "National Park Service". Mail this application to:
Greg Holt

Bent's Old Fort National Historic Site

35110 Highway 194 East

La Junta, CO 81050